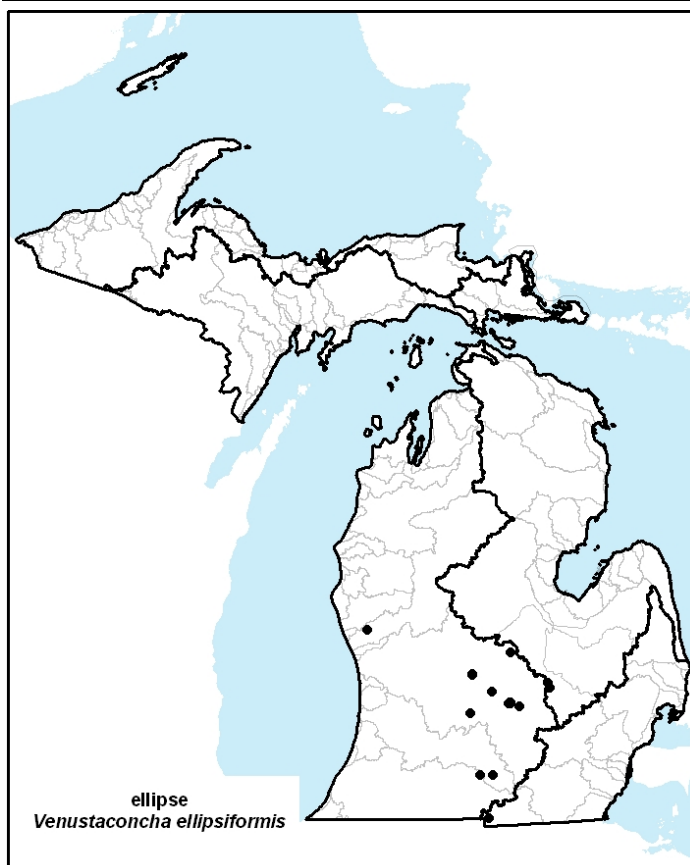


# MUSSELS



## ellipse

(*Venustaconcha ellipsiformis*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** State listed as special concern. Species is rare in Michigan. Abundance is unknown.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** headwaters & small tributaries; medium rivers; gradient: moderate; rock substrates

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** altered hydrologic regimes; altered sediment loads; dams; dredging & channelization; fragmentation; invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge; pesticides & herbicides; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution

**COMMENTS:** Hosts have been determined in laboratory and need to be verified in the field. Population status needs to be determined.